

RESIGNS AFTER SERVICE OF TWENTY-THREE YEARS

Miss Millie Fields, Secretary Public Utilities Commission, to Become Farmer.

Nashville, Dec. 21.—(Special).—The state railroad and public utilities commission announced today the resignation of Miss Millie Fields, as secretary of that body. Miss Fields has been connected with the commission for the past twenty-three years, eleven of which she has served as secretary. She is recognized as one of the best informed citizens on matters of taxation, and rates in Tennessee. She will leave the commission on Jan. 1, to return to her farm in Wilson county. Her successor has not yet been named. During her service Miss Fields has won for herself a reputation for untiring, conscientious effort and the state will lose a faithful and efficient servant when she retires.

GOMPERS URGES AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

Washington, Dec. 21.—(Passage of the French resolution proposing amnesty for "political prisoners" convicted of violations of the Espionage act during the war was urged today by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor before a sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee.

COOL WELCOME FOR COLBY

Buenos Aires, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.).—An apathetic reception for Secretary of State Hiram B. Colby when he arrived on Monday, was forecast today. The coolness towards the American official arises from the prospects for prohibitive tariff against Argentine goods in the United States and is accentuated by the adverse exchange rates for which the United States is generally blamed by Argentine financiers. It is charged here that American capitalists are trying to force Argentina to empty her treasury of gold in hope of stabilizing the peso. Then, Argentine products are excluded from America by a high tariff the return for the gold would be prevented.

MARTENS APPEAL CASE

Washington, Dec. 21.—Counsel for L. C. K. Martens, representative of soviet Russia in the United States, who has been ordered deported, today appealed to the department of labor for delay in surrendering Martens until the soviet government in Moscow advises as to the course Martens shall follow. There is some difference of opinion between Martens and his advisers as to whether he should accept deportation or resist it through court action and the advice of Moscow has been sought.

HOPES FOR SAFETY

New York, Dec. 21.—Despite the fact that more than a week has elapsed since word was received from Lieut. Walter Hinton, Stephen A. Farrel and Louis A. Kloor, who left Rockaway Point in a naval balloon, Round for Canada, officers at the naval station there today expressed hope that the missing men may be safe. The search for the balloon is continuing.

INSURANCE SUSPENDED

New York, Dec. 21.—One hundred and thirty-eight fire insurance companies are suspending their business in Mississippi, where their aggregate covering policies amount to approximately \$1,250,000,000. This action is an outgrowth of a suit filed against them by the state revenue agent of Mississippi, charging that in collecting the same rates the companies have created a combine in restraint of trade.

RECOMMIT EDMONDS BILL

Washington, Dec. 21.—The house ways and means committee today recommended for further committee consideration the Edmonds bill, which provides for deferring the date when the penalty becomes effective for failure to pay federal taxes. Chairman Fordney in bringing up the question in committee, said there had been an oversight in the drafting of the measure and he suggested that the committee again discuss the bill. Representative Green, republican, Iowa, explained that as the bill was reported to the house, it not only would defer the assessment of a penalty on undeclared taxes for the present year, but also all prior years.

He declared also that the present draft would defer the collection of a penalty on all taxes this year when it was intended that the deferred penalty apply only to taxes on incomes and profits. After the committee had voted to recommit the bill, Representative Garner, democrat, of Texas, said that this instance ought to serve as a warning to the committee that it should not report out innocent looking bills or resolutions without giving them the same consideration as those which appear to be important. He added that there were too many jokers in the smaller bills for the committee to act hastily.

DE VALERA NOT FOUND

Southampton, England, Dec. 21.—The Cunard liner Aquitania, which arrived here today from New York, was searched by service agents for Eamon de Valera, "president" of the Irish republic, who was reported to be on board. The detectives were unable to find any trace of De Valera and reported that they were satisfied he was not on board.

TO WITHDRAW FROM SERVICE

Washington, Dec. 21.—Orders for the withdrawal from service of sixteen vessels, aggregating 87,000 dead weight tons, to be tied up at Baltimore, Norfolk, Seattle and in the Gulf were issued today by the shipping board. The craft range from 2,500 to 10,000 dead weight tons. Sale of three wooden harbor tug boats for a total of \$123,500 and six wooden hulks for a total of \$363,500 was announced today.

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DANISH KING IN LONDON TO ARRANGE MARRIAGE OF COUSIN, IS BRITISH REPORT Will Prince of Wales Wed for Love?



King Christian of Denmark (upper left), is in London to confer with King George (upper right) and other members of the British royal family, it is reported over the possibility of arranging for the marriage of Princess Margaret, Christian's cousin (center), to the Prince of Wales (lower). British papers, however, are urging the Prince to abandon precedent and "marry for love." British circles anticipate an early announcement of the marriage plans of the British heir.

London.—(N. E. A.).—All England is beginning to wonder which way the winds of love are going to blow for the Prince of Wales. Many no doubt will, and Britain expects an announcement soon. The price has two alternatives: 1. To follow tradition and marry a girl of royal blood, or 2. To let Dan Cupid lead him where he may, and marry the girl he really loves. Public sentiment in England seems to have turned about-face and no longer feels that the consort of a prince needs to be of royal blood. The London Times, in fact, editorially advised the Prince of Wales to "avoid entering into marriage with a foreign princess, to avoid a political marriage and to marry for love."

American Eligible. If he follows the Times' advice, it

is possible the Prince of Wales might come to America for a wife. A marriage with an American girl would probably be looked upon with favor in British government circles, though there is said to be a strong sentiment in England that the prince marry an English girl. On the other hand, the visit of King Christian of Denmark to England has strengthened rumors that the beautiful young Princess Margaret of Denmark, his cousin, is to be England's future queen. Princess Margaret appears the only probability in the royal blood alternative. But even in her case there is a drawback. No English prince can marry a Roman Catholic without for-

feiting his right of succession to the crown, and Princess Margaret, though belonging to a Protestant reigning house, has been brought up a Roman Catholic. She would have to renounce the Roman Catholic church in order that the marriage take place. Choice Limited. Because none but a Protestant can become queen of England, because it is inconceivable that a prince of England should marry any member of the royal family of any country with which England was recently at war, and because no prince of England ever married a member of any royal house which has been deposed by its former subjects, the prince, in a royal blood way, is very limited in his choice of a spouse.

Denmark, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden are the only Protestant reigning houses in Europe. Princess Juliana of The Netherlands is heir to the throne, which makes her ineligible. There is no Norwegian princess. Sweden's king has no daughters, but he has a granddaughter, the Princess Astrid, 16 years old, and two unmarried nieces, 19 and 15 years old.

King Christian of Denmark has no daughters, and his two sisters are too old for the Prince of Wales. He has, however, two nieces, the daughters of his brother Harold, and his cousin, the Princess Margaret, now mentioned as the future queen. But, if Dan Cupid is to lead the way, nobler seems to know just who is on the prince's mind.

ALL ON BOARD LOST

Mystery Surrounds Identity of Capsized Vessel.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—Mystery surrounds identity of a four-masted schooner, which capsized southeast of Cape Hatteras late Friday evening. All on board are believed lost. Vessels in the vicinity failed after a thorough search to locate any wreckage which might enable them to identify the ill-fated ship.

The disaster was reported here by Capt. Rhadforth, of the British steamer

Dundrean, who declared that while steaming about 154 miles south of Cape Henry he sighted a schooner which seemed to be wallowing in the heavy sea. Suddenly the vessel vanished and as darkness came on shortly afterwards, he was unable to locate any wreckage or pick up survivors.

WILL INCREASE HOUR

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The inland company today announced that on its plants would return to the twelve-hour-a-day basis. For a and a half the company has operated an eight-hour basis. Pay per hour he the same after Jan. 1 as at present.

TO HEAR CLAIMS JAN. 7.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Claims against the emergency fleet corporation arising out of cancellations of contracts for the construction of wooden ships will be heard Jan. 7.

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